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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" As it is a very important question, I demand a half-hour debate."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I think I have sufficiently answered the question. I have conceded the point raised by the hon. Member."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has requested a half-hour debate and I am allowing it."

Quantity of foodgrains that became unsuitable for human consumption.

* 1111 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the quantity of foodgrains that became unsuitable for human consumption during the year 1953 in the Madras State and the total amount of loss due to this?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The total quantity of foodgrains that became unsuitable for human consumption during 1953 was about 10,345 maunds and the total amount of loss due to this was Rs. 4,03,918."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Who was responsible for allowing such foodgrains to become so bad and how much more of such stuff the Government have in stock? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is inevitable that when we have storage on a large scale, a portion of it gets deteriorated. When reduced to percentage, it works out to 0·03 per cent of the total quantity of foodgrains we dealt with."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether the spoiled foodgrains are used for any other purpose. If so, what is the amount realized therefrom? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If it is possible, it is used as cattle-feed. As to the amount realized by selling it as cattle-feed, a separate question may be put."

Provision of employment to the tramway labourers.

* 1112 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any action on the representations made by the Madras Electric Tramways Association not to prolong the state of unemployment of the tramway labourers ; and

(*b*) if so, the remedies proposed by the Government?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government have considered the representations made by the Madras Tramway Workers' Association and the Madras Tramway Employees' Union for resumption of tram service; but they had to terminate the licence of the Madras Electric Tramways Company;

" (*b*) The Transport Commissioner has been instructed to absorb in his department as many ex-employees of the tramways as possible in vacancies in posts for which they may be suitable, excluding posts like those of clerks in which employees of the State Government discharged as a result of the partition could be employed. They are also being absorbed in the Railway Workshops and Integral Coach Factory, Perambur."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஸார், இதுவரையில் டிரான்ஸ்போர்ட் இலாகாவில் எத்தனை டிராம்வே தொழிலாளர்கள் வேலைக்கு அமர்த்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? ரயில்வேயில் எவ்வளவு பேர்கள் வேலையில் அமர்த்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? மற்றும் இதர வகைகளில் எவ்வளவு பேர்களுக்கு வேலை கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது ? புதிய பஸ்கள் அதிகமாக பெருக்கியதன் காரணமாக டிராம்வேயை மீண்டும் நடத்தும் யோசனை கைவிடப்படுமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may give this information to the hon. Member which would explain the position. Regarding the absorption of ex-tramway workers in the Transport department of the Government of Madras, 149 have already been found fit for employment but only 27 have appeared for training and out of them 11 have been appointed up to date, and out of the 11 appointed, only 7 have joined. As regards the absorption in the Railway Workshops at Perambur, 173 ex-tramway workers have been selected for employment. Of these, 31 have already been absorbed. That is the position."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" டிரான்ஸ்போர்ட் டிபார்ட்மெண்ட் தேர்ந்து எடுக்கப்பட்டவர்களில் 11 பேர்களைத்தான் நியமித்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று சொல்லப்படுகிறது. பாக்கிபேரை நியமிக்காததற்குக்காரணம் அவர்கள் வரமாட்டேன் என்கிறார்களா அல்லது காலி ஸ்தானம் ஏற்படவில்லை என்ற காரணமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Even out of those 11 appointed, only 7 have joined. Perhaps some of the ex-tramway workers are not anxious to join the Government Transport department."

Amount of Government loan outstanding with the Ayanavaram Co-operative Milk Supply Union, Madras.

* 1113 *Q*.—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the total amount of Government loan outstanding and the amount of overdues on this account with the Ayanavaram Co-operative Milk Supply Union, Madras, so far?